

**TRUSTEES REPORT 2020**  
**GAMBIA EDUCATION & TEACHING SUPPORT**  
**(also known as GETSuk)**

UK Registered Charity No: 1110998

Gambian Registered Charity No: 343/2011

Principal address: Mrs Susan Nelson, 37 Brook Way, Romsey, Hants SO51 7JZ

**TRUSTEES:**

Tony Nelson	Chairman
Susan Nelson	Secretary
Paul Webster	Treasurer
Dawn Webster	
Pat Taylor	Resigned 8 June 2020

**Type of Governing Document:** Constitution adopted 30<sup>th</sup> May 2004.

**How the charity is constituted:** Charitable unincorporated association.

**Trustee selection methods:**

Trustees are appointed or re-appointed at the Annual General Meeting, or may be co-opted as needed.

**Summary of the objects of the charity:**

The objects of the charity are the advancement of education and the relief of poverty, sickness and distress in The Gambia by employing and training teachers, providing buildings and educational equipment and sponsoring students.

**Summary of main activities in relation to these objectives:**

Our main activity, accounting for 80% of our expenditure, is the funding and running of the Sunrise Bakoteh educational centre, providing Skills Training, Nursery and Lower Basic education for the local Bakoteh community. Supporters of GETS also sponsor 28 students in other schools.

**Achievements and Performance**

Sunrise had 355 children and students registered at the end of July 2020 - 93% full, as the maximum number is 380.

Results came through from the external National Assessment Tests (NAT) at G3 (2018/19) level. The school achieved its targeted results (>80% passed) with 93% pass rate for boys and 94% for the girls. Our achievements this year have been restricted by the closure of the school during a Gambian Government enforced lockdown from March caused by the Coronavirus pandemic.

There were no NAT G5 tests this year due to lockdown and we've been unable to complete our Skills course, due to lockdown. We are waiting for advice from the regulator (NAQAA) on this.

Although the lockdown stopped some of our extra curricular activities, Sports Day took place in December, with Nursery and Lower Basic children competing and Skills students helping the teachers to organise. Competitors were split into 4 competing "houses". The nursery outing this year was to the Camel Farm at Tanji in February. Mufti Days, when the children dress in their local costumes, were held in October and just before the lockdown in March. Commonwealth Day, when the children dress as member countries of the Commonwealth and parade through the streets around Sunrise, was also marked just before the lockdown in March.

Three of our staff received their teaching certificates in November after passing their College courses-

Sulayman Jobe, Yassin Jasseh and Mbacho Jallow. Sulayman Jobe has been promoted to a Teacher position in Lower Basic.

We have tried to improve the water supply to the Centre by installing an underground tank and pump by the LB block. When there is high water pressure in the mains at night water is pumped to the high level tank in the roof to be used in daytime when there is usually only low water pressure (or none at all!)

GETS supporters have continued sponsoring individual students- 60 at Sunrise and 28 at other schools. UK Government support in the form of Gift Aid was around £7,000.

Before the lockdown we had numerous visits from our regular supporters bringing gifts and helping out in the classrooms. We would like to thank all our many supporters for their continuing help

### **Financial Review:**

The coronavirus lockdown from March has had some impact on our finances. We received no school fees for the third term- a loss of approximately £4,000. However, because the school was closed for this period our outgoings were approximately £3,500 less than expected, so the impact on our financial position during term 3 was minimal. This was partly due to having avoided costs for graduations and the Skills outing, both prohibited by lockdown. To this point, we have been able to continue paying full salaries to our staff (a substantial part of our expenses) without drawing on our reserves. We hold bank balances and cash, in the UK and Gambia of approximately £90,000 of which £77,000 relates to Sunrise and £13,000 to sponsorship of children in Sunrise and other schools. The £13,000 will cover sponsorships to be paid in the year to 31 July 2021

With our customary strict financial control of expenses, the funds held for Sunrise should be sufficient to cover our outgoings for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021. Looking forward the financial threat from the pandemic has not disappeared and the financial outlook for the coming year is thus uncertain. Any further substantial loss of fees may lead us to reconsider our salary policy. A further point is that the impact of the pandemic and Brexit are unknown factors which may adversely affect the UK economy and our supporters' ability to continue making donations.

### **Public Benefit:**

In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

The focus of our activities remains the advancement of education and the relief of poverty in The Gambia. We believe that by supporting the education of Gambian children and helping to improve their schools we are benefiting the Gambian public both now and in the future. We help children regardless of background, faith, gender or personal circumstances. The only limit to the amount of help we provide is the funding available from donors to our charity.

### **Declaration:**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.  
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees –



Signature  
Full Name

Anthony Robert Nelson

Chairman

Date 10/08/2020

# GAMBIA EDUCATION & TEACHING SUPPORT

Accounts for the year ended 31 July 2020

## Receipts and Payments Account

	<u>Y/E</u> <u>31/07/2019</u>
<u>Receipts</u>	
Sponsorship	16,516
Sunrise	50,550
	<u>67,066</u>
<u>Payments</u>	
Sponsorship	11,028
Sunrise	51,349
	<u>62,377</u>
<u>Surplus</u>	
Receipts less Payments	4,689
Brought forward	83,636
Carried forward	<u>88,325</u>
<u>Represented by</u>	
Cash	166
Santander	18,879
Guaranty Trust	69,280
	<u>88,325</u>



**Sunrise Accounts**

	<b><u>Unrestricted Income Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Restricted Income Funds</u></b>	<b><u>Building Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>Y/E 31/07/2019</u></b>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>					
School Fees	17,370			17,370	19,752
Gambia Income	1,656			1,656	2,445
UK Donations	14,522	1,298		15,820	18,567
Administration charges	882			882	1,001
Gift Aid	7,294			7,294	6,957
Interest Received	1,749			1,749	1,828
	<u>43,473</u>	<u>1,298</u>		<u>44,771</u>	<u>50,550</u>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>					
Nursery Expenses	6,174	284		6,458	6,687
Skills Expenses	5,794	245		6,039	9,836
Lower Basic Expenses	12,902	641		13,543	13,804
<b>Building Extensions</b>					
Support Costs :-			736	736	
Salaries & expenses	12,554			12,554	12,585
Office Supplies	2,104	4		2,108	2,108
Premises Upkeep	2,965			2,965	3,077
<b>Governance costs :-</b>					
Gambia compliance	276			276	496
AGM costs	60			60	99
Trustees AGM travel	781			781	941
Independent exam.	432			432	420
Insurance	1,271			1,271	1,296
	<u>45,313</u>	<u>1,174</u>	<u>736</u>	<u>47,223</u>	<u>51,349</u>



Receipts less Payments	-	1,840	124	-	736	-	2,452	-	799
Balances at 31 July 2019		64,319	1,519		3,588		69,426		64,056
Transfers		9,691					9,691		6,169
Balances at 31 July 2020		72,170	1,643		2,852		76,665		69,426

#### Funds at 31 July 2020

	Balance at 31/07/2019	Transfers	Receipts	Payments	Balance at 31/07/2020
Sunrise:-					
Building Fund	3,588			- 736	2,852
Restricted Income Funds	1,519		1,298	- 1,174	1,643
Unrestricted Income Fund	64,319	9,691	43,473	- 45,313	72,170
	69,426	9,691	44,771	- 47,223	76,665
Sponsorship- External	8,459	- 193	5,684	- 6,237	7,713
Sponsorship- Sunrise	10,440	- 9,498	8,538	- 3,534	5,946
	88,325	-	58,993	- 56,994	90,324

#### Notes to the Accounts

- 1 As the gross income for the year does not exceed £ 250,000 the accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis
- 2 Gambian transactions in Dalasi have been brought into the accounts at an estimated D62 to £ sterling
- 3 Travel expenses of £2618 were paid to 3 Trustees for meetings in thr the UK and visits to Gambia to help in Sunrise Centre Trustees donated £3345 to the Charity in support of Sunrise activities

Signed on behalf of the trustees by: Anthony Robert Nelson



Chairman

10/8/2020

Date



## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF GAMBIA EDUCATION & TEACHING SUPPORT (UK)**

**Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020**

### **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Gambia Education and Teaching Support**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Gambia Education and Teaching Support for the year ended 31 July 2020.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:


1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

#### **The impact of uncertainties due to COVID -19 on our independent examination**

Uncertainties relating to the effects of COVID -19 are relevant to understanding our independent examination of the financial statements. All independent examinations assess and challenge the reasonableness of estimates made by the directors, such as valuation of assets, appropriateness of the going concern basis of preparation of the financial statements and associated disclosures. All of these depend on assessments of the future economic environment and the charity's future prospects and performance.

The COVID -19 viral pandemic is one of the most significant economic events for the UK, and at the date of this report its effects are subject to unprecedented levels of uncertainty of outcomes, with the full range of possible effects unknown. We have applied a standardised approach in response to that uncertainty when assessing the company's future prospects and performance. However, no independent examinations should be expected to predict the unknowable factors or all possible future implications for a charity and this is particularly the case in relation to the COVID -19 pandemic.



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